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In an 8-paragraph document dated 12 November 1950, the Hooghly District Committee of the Communist Party of India deals with the reinstatement of one Ajit Basu.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Paragraphs 1 and 2 explain the reasons why Basu had been expelled from the Party in early 1949 for "playing a dual role and obstructing class war" in Bera).

"3. But the Cominform editorial has made it clear to us that our idea of such class wars in rural areas were very much mistaken and that we have destroyed the unity in the ranks of the peasants because of our wrong notion of such a class war. The Cominform and the Chinese Revolution have taught us that in rural areas in this colonial country struggles for land should be carried on against imperialism and feudalism on the basis of absolute unity among all types of peasants. And this unity must be built up as a pre-requisite for all peasant movements.

"4. A study of the history of the peasant movement in Bera would show that it was started against land-lordism long before the Congress came into power. So, when Congress came into power and became the protector of imperialism and feudalism it naturally started hitting at this stronghold of peasants with ruthless repressions. But the united peasants have not surrendered to these repressions. The greatest pride for the peasants of this place was their unity against land-lordism and it was this unity that enabled them to boldly face police repressions without yielding an inch. So it is proved that the peasant movement in Bera was never influenced by right superstitions. It has always been a revolutionary movement.

"5. Regarding the tactics adopted here, we would make a mistake if we had considered the examples of the Chinese Revolution as the ones to be applied to this particular movement; we would commit a mistake because to declare this place, which is so near to Calcutta, as a free area would be very much hazardous. Flexible tactics are the best to be applied to such areas. Therefore, acts like surrender to law courts, conducting of law cases, etc., which were considered "superstitious" previously, cannot be considered so now in the changed circumstances."

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25X1A ([REDACTED] Comment. On the basis of the above, paragraphs 6-8 reason that Ajit Basu is foreign and invite him to return to the fold.)

Hooghly District Committee
Communist Party of India

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